



United States  
of America

# Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 108<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Vol. 150

WASHINGTON, WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2004

No. 102

## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. KIRK).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 21, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK STEVEN KIRK to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Reverend James Patterson, Pastor Emeritus, Lakewood United Methodist Church, Erie, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

God of our fathers, grant that we may greet this day's duties and responsibilities with a constant remembrance of the great traditions that make this hallowed place echo with debate, compromise, and eternal guidance.

May the realization of Your presence guide all of our decisions. Be with us in our silence and in our speech, in our haste and in our leisure, in our companionship, and in our solitude.

May the freshness of this morning and the weariness of the evening crown all with the desire to help Your people, our folks at home, as well as the strangers in other States and territories.

May we give them and You our very best, so that some day we may hear Your words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PITTS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1914. An act to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement.

H.R. 2768. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall.

H.R. 3277. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2700. An act to provide an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through September 17, 2004, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 96-114, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individuals to the Congressional Award Board:

Kelly Didawick, of Virginia and  
Michael Carozza of Maryland.

The message also announced that the Secretary be directed to return to the House of Representatives (H.R. 4766) entitled "An Act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes", in compliance with a request of the House for the return thereof.

### WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE DOCUMENTS?

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, at a time when our national security is of paramount importance, President Clinton laughed when asked what he thought about his former National Security Adviser stealing and losing highly classified national terrorism documents. But this is no trifling matter.

The documents were codeword secret, the most highly guarded secrets we have. One or more copies of a memo, an analysis of the Clinton administration's antiterror efforts around the millennium, are still missing.

In the highest levels of the Clinton administration, terrorism may have been a laughing matter. We know now it is not. This is a serious breach of security. This is the guy who served as a senior adviser to the Kerry campaign and wants a top spot in the Kerry administration.

We should question Senator KERRY's judgment for placing him in a key position in his campaign.

Fox News reported that he hid the documents in his socks "inadvertently."

Whether or not that is true, this whole thing stinks.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



Printed on recycled paper.

H6445